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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

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SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA PORT CONGESTION

REF CAIRO 9205; CAIRO 10347

1. INTERMITTENT PORT CLOSINGS DUE SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, COUPLED WITH CONTINUED LARGE VOLUME CARGO ARRIVALS, APPEAR TO HAVE RETURNED ALEXANDRIA PORT CONGESTION TO CRISIS CONDITION OF TWO MONTHS AGO (CAIRO 9205) DESPITE HEROIC MEASURES BY LOCAL AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

2. ACCORDING TO PORT AUTHORITIES, SITUATION OF FERTILIZER AND WHEAT IMPORTS HAS IMPROVED MARKEDLY, BUT GENERAL CARGO OFF-LOADING AND REMOVAL FROM DOCKS IS ALMOST CHAOTIC. TYPICAL EXAMPLE IS SS THYRA TORM FROM BALTIMORE (CARRYING SEVERAL SHIPMENTS OF OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL GOODS FOR USG AND PERSONNEL IN EGYPT). VESSEL ARRIVED OFF ALEXANDRIA ON JAN 4 AND FINALLY DOCKED JAN 13. ON JAN 15 RETURNED TO ANCHOR, THEN ON JAN 16 BACK TO DOCK. RETURNED TO ANCHOR JAN 18 AND MAY RPT MAY GET BACK TO DOCK JAN 21.

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3. MINISTER OF MARITIME TRANSPORT HAS DECREED THAT GOODS

IMPORTED BY PRIVATE SECTOR MUST BE REMOVED FROM DOCKS
WITHIN 15 DAYS OR WILL BE CONSIDERED "ABANDONED"
(HE FOUND SOME IN RECENT VISITS THAT HAD BEEN THERE
FIVE MONTHS). CONGEN ESTIMATES THIS PRIVATE IMPORT
RUNS ABOUT ON-THIRD OF GENERAL CARGO, BUT WE HAVE
ALREADY OBSERVED "PUBLIC SECTOR", I.E. GOE AGENCIES,
IS, IF ANYTHING, MORE NEGLIGENT IN REMOVING GOODS FROM
DOCKS. SIGNED CHASE.
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